



State of New Jersey  
Department of Community Affairs  
**Division of Fire Safety**

# *Holiday Fire Safety Tips*

- Use freshly cut trees or flame retardant artificial trees.
- Avoid placing trees near fireplaces, portable heaters or radiators.
- Never block an exit doorway with a tree.
- Do not place candles near a tree or wreath.
- Keep tree watered and secure.
- Examine lights for frayed wires and loose sockets.
- Do not leave lights on overnight or when no one is at home.
- Limit the amount of lights to three or less continuous strings.
- Keep pets away from trees and other lighted decorations to prevent them from gnawing or chewing wires.
- Do not overload extension cords.
- Routinely check and replace the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.
- Teach your children about fire safety.